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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: June 24-The next KCDXC meeting will be a LIVE meeting at the JOCO Library, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park KS, 66212. Start: 6:30pm. Zoom meeting is available also. We will have a presentation on HRD Software by WA9PIE.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT NEXT MEETING-

Nominations for KCDXC President will be accepted at the April Meeting. Reminder: only paid up members will be allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.

KCDXC DAYTON REPORT-

CW PILE UP CONTEST: W9WI WINS AGAIN!



The hard work of KØVBU, WØZAP, KØVXU, KIØI, results in another great success for the club. In the photo on the left, KØLW and Pile UP Contest winner, W9WI, is shown receiving the top prize, an Icom IC 7300. The prize was donated to the club by Icom. Thanks, Ray Novak! (See page 4 for more Pile Up Results.)

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	353	236		227	55	2467
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K3PA	352	350	351	328		195	36	2762
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	101	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112	36	2641
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	221	888	25	15	2295
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	324	337	225	360	107		2516
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	342	344	292			5	2316
K0XM	339	313	283	288	116	130	31	2052
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	335	262	332	271	151	119	43	2127
WA0WOF	335							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W4DTA	334	277	304	148	275	49	84	1471
K0THN	334	322	288	193	243	1		1929
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
W0MB	329	255	326	285		45		1849
K0UR	323							
NB0J	319	249	307	116				852
AC0C	315	306	269	250	359	130	3	2037
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
K0IZ	300		300					
N9GB	289							
AD0K	288	260	104	205	238	57	11	1203
N0EG	284	231	189	169		33	14	1013
NS0D	271	214	134	179	161	3	2	1002
AI60	263	237	200	171		20	10	1027
W0XE	248	216	193	14				832
W0DR	229	30	174	70		10	7	622
K0RAR	20	27	57	196	194	29	13	1093
W0ZAP	187	40	76	164		21	5	698
N0RC	186	42	52	177	110	3	3	788
W0HL	112	30	53	97		5	8	300

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

KCDXC APRIL MINUTES

April 29, 2024

The April 2024 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President Lee Ward, K0LW, at 6:30pm CDT. The meeting was conducted in the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch, Logan Conference Room and on Zoom. Tom, NM0N, ran the Zoom portion.

Meeting Room Reservations

Lee, K0LW, reported that he has room reservations through August.

Nomination for President

Lee, K0LW, again called for nominations/volunteers for president. No one came forward.

Presentations

Suggestions for presentations:

- o Jim Andera, K0NK, Pony Express, Morse Code History, Ensor Museum (hopefully June)
- o Jeff Blaine, AC0C, 6-meter DXing.
- o Greg Best, N9GB, RF2K+ Amplifier Review/Demo
- o Michael Carper, WA9PIE, Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD)
- o John Ford, AB00, 160 Meter Antenna
- o Dave Fischer, W7FB, Propagation

Looks like a pretty good list if we can get them all scheduled. Pay attention to announcements and make plans to start coming to meetings again if you haven't for a while.

Member Reports

There were 14 members and one guest in attendance on Zoom and in person.

- o The guest was a young man named Daniel who happened to be at the library and just dropped in to our meeting to find out what ham radio is about. We tried to give him a brief overview. (I regret that I did not get his last name and contact information. If anyone did get that info, please send it to me. Sec. K0THN)
- o Rick, N0RB, had cruises on the east and west side of Florida.
- o Jim, AC0KN, installed a dipole in the attic.
- o Greg, N9GB, occasional DX. Listened for Vatican but did not hear.
- o Dave, W7FB, talked about the eclipse. He said we should have been on 80 meters studying propagation rather than outside looking at the sun. This prompted several to discuss their experiences with the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Several were in the area of totality.
- o Lee, K0LW, showed a Lever connector to Anderson Power Pole device he had made. You can find these lever connectors with various numbers of in and out connections on Amazon.com and elsewhere.



DXPedititions

I do not generally report DX notices here because the information is so perishable. The KCDX Club website has a link to the DXNEWS page that is updated monthly. DXPEditions Calendar - Kansas City DX Club (kcdxclub.org)

Contests

See the WA7BNM monthly contest calendar at the KCDX Club website. Contest Calendar - Kansas City DX Club (kcdxclub.org)

Hamvention

The pileup contest is ready thanks to Rick, W0ZAP, Bill, K0VBU, and Russ, K0VXU. The hotel has requested that nothing be hung on the walls due to possible wall damage. So, no sponsor banners will be allowed unless we can determine some other method. Prizes are being donated from ICOM (7300), Begali, DX Engineering, Dipole Dan, ARRL, and possible Associated Radio. Nothing will be available from Yaesu this year.

Dues for 2024 are Due now - \$20

Next Meeting

The May meeting was canceled because it would have fallen on Memorial Day. So, the next meeting will be June 24, 2024, the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm CST. It will be held as usual at the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch unless otherwise stated late.



Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm CST.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary.

MORE DAYTON CW PILE UP REPORT:



Rick, WØZAP, did a fantastic job of setting up the computers, network and software. He made it easy for Mark, KIØI, and Bill, KØVBU, to round up folks to come it to be dazzled and dazed. I sat at the control point and did a great job of pushing the go button and then pushing the reset when the torture stopped. Rick, in the meantime, gave instructions and made sure I didn't screw it up. He was very successful and it went off without a hitch.

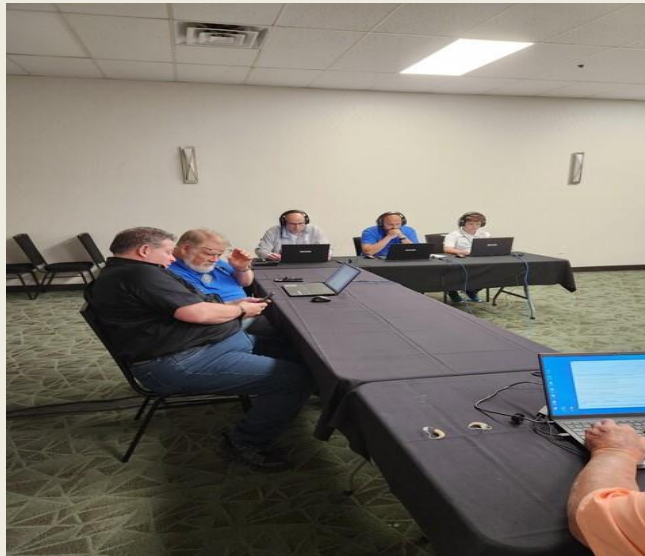
Pictures will be on our website as soon as Mark wakes up and takes nourishment. Last I heard he was almost awake at about 1:30 this afternoon. I think he went back for another well deserved round of sleep.

Bill, KØVBU, got the prizes in place and we pulled off another Legendary KCDX Club Pileup Contest.

Our premier sponsor, ICOM, was represented by Ray, N9JA, and he was impressed with the smooth operation we had put forth.

As a side note, we had a 12 year old boy and his father from Romania compete. The young man scored quite respectably and it is said he can copy up to 200 WPM. AMAZING! I'm looking for the YouTube video of this skill.

Thank you Bill, Rick and Mark for another great Pileup. -KØLW



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ-

***Which of these KCDXC members never was a President of the KCDXC???

KØTLM

BONUS QUESTION: In what building downtown, KC, MO, did the KCDXC hold meetings in the mid 1970-80's?

Old TWA building

DXCC CARD CHECKING

If you need QSL cards checked for any ARRL award, the KCDXC has two certified ARRL card checkers. K0LW and AB0X both are available to check cards before KCDXC meetings. Please email in advance so the two checkers can plan on arriving early to complete their QSL chores before the meeting starts. Contact Lee at k0lw160@gmail.com or K0LW@arrl.net . Contact Mike at ab0x@kc.rr.com .

KCDXC SHACK PICS-

W0QLF, David, sent over this pic of his ham radio shack. Nice set up!



Send in pics of your shack to ab0x@kc.rr.com .

KCDXC LOSES TWO MEMBERS THIS MONTH-

The KCDXC had two members become Silent Keys in May: KE5BR and K0CA. Both Rob and Cliff had worked in several roles for the club over the last few years. Below are the two obituaries from their services.

Honorable Clifford H. Ahrens, K0CA



Surrounded by his family, the Honorable Clifford H. Ahrens, 78, a lifelong resident of Hannibal, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2024, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Hannibal, Missouri. Fr. Mike Quinn and Fr. Alex Gabriel will officiate. Burial will follow at Grand View Burial Park in Hannibal, Missouri.

Family and friends are invited to Cliff's Life Celebration on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at the James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. A Parish Prayer Service will begin at 3:30 p.m., with the visitation following from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Cliff was born on December 19, 1945, in Hannibal, Missouri, to Clifford L. Ahrens

and Lillian Smith Ahrens. After his mother passed away when Cliff was 4, his father married Doris O. Kessler, who adopted him. Cliff met the love of his life, Kimberly Ann Robison, in 1964 at Hannibal High School. Cliff and Kim dated through college while attending different universities, and married on June 10, 1968, in Columbia, Missouri. Kim and Cliff returned to Hannibal in 1969 after Cliff graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law and passed the Missouri Bar Exam. Kim continues to reside in Hannibal.

Other family members include Kim and Cliff's three children, Todd Ahrens (Lydia) of Hannibal, Joe Ahrens (Olga) of Atlanta, Georgia, and Ann Ahrens Beck (Randy) of Dallas, Texas; nine grandchildren, Nathan, Anneliese, Ainsley, Chandler, Luke, Soroush, Samir, Lily and Camden; one brother-in-law, Kent Robison (Marsha); two sisters-in-law, Sherri Robison and Rhonda Robison; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents; adopted mother; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Mariann Robison; two brothers-in-law, Keith Robison and Kip Robison; and one niece, Kelly Robison.

During his college career, Cliff excelled in his academic pursuits at the University of Missouri and also played the clarinet for the Tigers as a member of the Marching Mizzou Band. Cliff was honored to return to play with the band as an alumnus on multiple occasions after his graduation.

After earning his law degree at Mizzou, Cliff dedicated his life to the pursuit of justice, serving the citizens of Missouri as a well-respected attorney and judge. Cliff joined the law firm of Rendlen, Rendlen, Ahrens, Browne, and Rendlen in 1969, where he was a tireless advocate for his clients and a respected colleague to law partners and fellow attorneys. Professionally, Cliff was a member of the 10th Circuit Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the American Bar Association. His ethical standards were evident to all who worked with him.

In 1991, Cliff was appointed by then-Missouri Governor John Ashcroft to the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District, where he also served one term as Chief Judge. While on the court, he was an early leader and visionary in the effort to digitize all Missouri Court records, affectionately earning himself the nickname "Judge Gigabyte." He was a charter member of the Missouri Court Automation Committee since its inception in 1994 and served as its first chair from 2002 to 2015. He retired from the court in 2015 but served as a Senior Judge until 2022. During his tenure on the court, he received the Appellate Judicial Excellence Award and the Missouri Judicial Conference Distinguished Service Award. Perhaps his highest honor was sitting as a Special Judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri and administering the oath to his oldest son Todd and daughter Ann when they were sworn in as members of the Missouri Bar.

Cliff was passionate about amateur radio and was a lifetime member of the American Radio Relay League and the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club. As a ham radio operator, he received multiple awards and recognitions.

Having a servant's heart, Cliff was active in the community, volunteering for numerous civic organizations and sharing his wisdom and leadership during terms of service on various boards. He was a valued member of the Hannibal Evening Kiwanis, serving in almost all of the organization's leadership roles and being recognized as Outstanding Club President and twice earning the Kiwanian of the Year award. Cliff volunteered with the Hannibal Regional Auxiliary, recently earning an award for 1,000 volunteer hours. He also served in leadership or board positions with the following organizations: the Hannibal YMCA, the Hannibal

Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Hannibal, the Children's Trust Fund of Missouri, the Hannibal Planning Commission, and the St. Louis City-St. Louis County Board of Electors. Cliff was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church, where he served as a lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Cliff's enthusiasm for Mizzou football never waned. He was a fixture at games, cheering on his beloved Tigers with his "10 Birds on a Wire" football group that attended home games together for 50 years. Traveling to destinations like Fair Hills, Minnesota, Sanibel Island, Florida, Longboat Key, Florida, and the Midway Motor Lodge in St. Louis created many fond memories with his family and friends they will always remember with a smile.

Pallbearers will be Cliff's nieces and nephews: Ben Robison, Karina Ramirez, Jonathan Robison, Rachel Litteken, Collin Dobson, Devan Dobson, Evan Robison, and Chase Robison.

Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Hannibal Evening Kiwanis Club, the Hannibal Regional Auxiliary, and the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clifford H. Ahrens Scholarship Fund for a Hannibal High School senior intending to study law, in care of the Community Foundation serving West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Honorable Clifford, please visit our floral store.

Robert Maberry III, KE5BR

Robert (Rob) Maberry III was born April 22, 1949 in Houston, TX to Robert and Maxine Maberry, Jr. He graduated from Richardson High School in 1967, received an Associate's Degree from Henderson County Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree from North Texas State University in December, 1972.



It was while at North Texas State University he met and married the love of his life, Kay Case. They married on April 14, 1973 and recently celebrated 51 years of marriage. They have two children, Robert Alexander Maberry IV, and Rebecca Ann Davis (Shaun) three grandsons, Gavin Alexander Maberry, Tyler Alexander Davis and Carter Alexander Davis, grand-daughters Haley Marie Davis and Ella Grace Davis, and his brother, John Thomas Maberry, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rob was very proud of his service to his community on the Dallas Police Force, being a terminal manager for Consolidated Freight Ways, and being a Hazmat Materials Specialist for Yellow Corp. Rob was an avid HAM Radio operator (KE5BR), recently receiving the coveted Honor Roll DXCC award for contacting over 332 countries. He was a lifetime member of the Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club. He was also a member of the Mill Creek Rifle Club where he enjoyed target practice and teaching others weapons safety, familiarization, and how to shoot, and shoot well.

He also served faithfully as an usher for Grace United Methodist Church for many

years.

We would like to thank Rob's Care Team at Advent Health, Shawnee Mission for absolute heroic efforts to keep Rob with us. Rob will always be in our hearts, just as he has always been there for his neighborhood, friends, and family. Rob wasn't a stranger to anybody and was always willing to go the extra mile to help others.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

DX NEWS:

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DX Bulletin 21 ARLD021
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 6, 2024
To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

NIGER, 5U. Elvira, IV3FSG is QRV as 5U5K until June 20. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4 using MSHV, and maybe some CW. QSL direct to IK2DUW.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Pedro, CT7AHV is QRV as C91AHV until June 15. Activity is on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Harald, DF2WO and Adolf, DG9KAN are QRV as D44TWO and D44KAN, respectively, from Sao Tiago, IOTA AF-005, until June 22. Activity is on all HF bands, and 6 meters, using all bands and modes. This includes being active on Satellite QO-100. QSL D44TWO via M00XO, and D44KAN direct to DG9KAN.

GLORIOSO ISLAND, FT/G. Marek, FH4VVK is QRV as FT4GL until June 19. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via F4FTV.

SAINT MARTIN, FS. John, K9EL is QRV as FS/K9EL until June 19. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands, with a focus on 6 meters. QSL via OQRS.

ENGLAND, G. Special event station GB2DAY is QRV until June 9 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Activity is on 80 and 40 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via operators' instructions.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. Tony, JA6CNL is QRV as KH0N from Saipan, IOTA OC-086, until

June 12. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using mostly FT8 and FT4. QSL via home call.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Marek, DJ7GS is QRV as OY/DJ7GS until June 12 from Grid Square IP610x. QSL to home call.

POLAND, SP. Special call signs SP900CPZ, 3Z10TTON, HF10TTON, SN10TTON, SO10TTON, SP10TTON and SQ10TTON are QRV until July 2 to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the first mission to Pomerania undertaken by Otto, the bishop of Bamberg. QSL via bureau.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Rikk, WE9G will be QRV as VP2V/WE9G from Tortola, IOTA NA-023, from June 9 to 12. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using SSB, FT8, FT4, and possibly CW. He also plans to be QRV from three National Parks. QSL direct to home call.

REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA, Z3. Vlado, ZS6MG is QRV as Z3/ZS6MG until June 16. Activity is holiday style on 60 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes, including some possible POTA activations. QSL via N3CZ.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL June VHF Contest, Walk for the Bacon 40-Meter CW QRP Contest, CWops Test, NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest, SKCC Sprint CW Europe, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, NCCC CW Sprint, HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Batavia DX Contest, VK Shires Contest, Asia-Pacific SSB Sprint, SKCC Weekend CW Sprintathon, Portugal Day Contest, AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, REF DDFM 6-Meter Contest and the GACW WWSA CW DX Contest will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

The 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, NAQCC CW Sprint, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW and the Mini-Test 80 CW are all on tap for this weekend.

Please see June QST, page 28, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

The following is an update from the FT4GL Web page at:
<https://ft4gl.blogspot.com/>

Press release of June 7th

After consultation and given the number of requests from ATNO, the team and Marek decided to give the chance to LITTLE PISTOL and more modestly equipped stations, so that they could have the chance to contact the Glorieuses at least once. Two days of activity will be planned which will be communicated later. The operation will be carried out in SSB, we ask the international community to play the game and leave this unique opportunity to those who are not yet in the log. We are counting on you to share as much information as possible so that the community is informed and the operation can be a success.



June 10, 2024

ATNO Days

Marek has just communicated the two days he wishes to dedicate to ATNO... It is active for people who HAVE NEVER CONTACTED FT4GL on Friday, June 14th, and Sunday, June 16th, from 11 a.m. UTC... Thanks to the stations who already made the QSO to play the game and give the LITTLE PISTOLS a chance. If this turns into a nightmare, blame the troublemakers and not Marek who wants to give everyone a chance. Team FT4GL

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